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SUBJ: SEIMIC RESEARCH OBSERVATORIES PROGRAM (SROP)

IN AFGHANISTAN: A STATUS REPORT

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1. EMBOFF AND USAID REP HAVE DISCUSSED USGS PROPOSAL MENTIONED REFTTEL WITH ACTING DEAN ENGINEERING KABUL UNIVERSITY. FORMER DEAN KARIM AND ASSISTANT DEAN PASHTOON BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR EXTENDED POST GRAUATE STUDY.; ACTING DEAN NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF OFFER AND UNABLE TO FIND USGS LETTER IN FILES, BUT IS REASONABLY CERTAIN SUCH AN OFFER WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

2. EMBASSY AND USAID BELIEVES BEST AND MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER TO HANDLE PAYMENTS TO AFGHAN TECHNICIANS FOR SERVICING SRO FACILITY WOULD BE FOR USGS TO MAKE CONTRACT WITH AID/W FOR PAYMENT TO LOCAL BUDGET OF UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA TEAM CURRENTLY WORKING UNDER AID CONTRACT WITH KABUL UNIVERSITY. NEBRASKA TEAM CONTRACT REPRESENTATIVE, DR. RICHARD GIBSON, HOLDS GRAUATE DEGREE IN SEISMOLOGICAL ENGINEERING AND IS WILLING ASSIST IN SEEING THAT KABUL SEISMIC STATION CONTINUES TO FUNCTION.

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3. AS SEPARATE MATTER, USAID REP HAS SUGGESTED AND ACTING

DEAN ENGINEERING FACULTY HAS ACCEPTED TDY VISIT FROM MR.
E. TILGNER, ARPA TEHRAN, TO ASSIST ENGINEERING FACULTY
MEMBERS IN TRAINING AND MANNING PRESENT SRO FACILITY.
EMBASSY BELIEVES TILGNER VISIT WOULD OFFER SUITABLE
OCCASION TO BROACH QUESTION OF USGS OFFER TO UPGRADE EXIST-
ING STATION AS MENTIONED IN PARA TWO REFTEL. OFFER, IF
READY FOR PRESENTATION IN NEAR FUTURE, COULD BE PRESENTED
BY USGS OFFICIAL IN COMPANY OF TILGNER. EMBASSY WILL DELAY
EXTENDING INVITATION TO TILGNER PENDING REPLY FROM USGS TO
THIS MEESAGE. ELIOT

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